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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, and the Supplemental Office Action mailed February 6, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. A copy of the amended claims marked to show changes is attached hereto beginning on a separate sheet.

1. (Amended) A method for protecting a network from a virus contained in an e-mail message as executable code, the method comprising:

- (a) receiving the e-mail message in a gatekeeper server;
- (b) converting the e-mail message from an executable format to a non-executable format

by using one of a plurality of conversion processes selected in accordance with a type of the e-

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